

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-7 will remain pending in the above-identified application and stand ready for further action on the merits.

The amendments made herein to the claims do not incorporate new matter into the application as originally filed. For example, the amendment to claim 1 finds support in the original specification at page 4, and in the original figures of the specification.

Accordingly, entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claims 10-13 have been objected to based upon certain informalities therein. Reconsideration of the claim objection is respectfully requested in as much as claims 10-13 are no longer pending in the application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 112

Claims 7, 8 and 14 have been rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is requested based upon the following considerations.

First, based upon the cancellation of claims 8 and 14 herein, the rejections thereof under 35 USC § 112 have been rendered moot.

Second, claim 7 has been amended to recite that "said accessed object is holding an information recording medium". As such, the outstanding rejection of claim 7 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph is no longer appropriate.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 102/103

Claims 1-5 have been rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Maloney (US 6,204,764). Further, claims 6-7 and 14 have been rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maloney (US '764) in view of Sanders (US 6,276,523). Further, claims 9-11 have been rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maloney (US '764) in view of Brady et al. (US 6,441,740). Also, claims 12-13 have been rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maloney (US '764) in view of Bashan et al. (US 6,719,206). Reconsideration and withdrawal of each of these rejections is respectfully requested based upon the following considerations.

First, it is again noted that claims 8-14 have been cancelled so that all outstanding rejections thereof have been rendered moot.

Regarding the rejections of claims 1-5 and 6-7, respectively, the following remarks are specifically noted.

An object of the present invention is to provide an accessed object having a non-contact IC module with improved handlability and with higher operation reliability for radio communication.

Access from two directions is made more reliable by the radio communication antenna coil which includes an IC module formed extending over two surfaces of the accessed object of the present invention (*See claim 1*).

Maloney US '764 teaches an antenna (54, 56) provided on three sides of the container 41 as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, thereof. However, Maloney US '764 completely fails to teach any thing about an antenna coil connected to the semiconductor device and extending over two surfaces of different direction of an accessed object.

Accordingly, the cited Maloney US '764 reference is incapable of anticipating any of Applicants' pending claims since it does not teach or otherwise provide for each of the limitations found in claims 1-7. Further, even upon combination with the secondary reference of Sanders US '523, the combined references are incapable of providing any motivation to those of ordinary skill in the art that would allow them to arrive at the present invention as recited in any of claims 1-7, now pending.

Based on the lack of such teachings and motivation in the cited art, all outstanding rejections must be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the amendments and remarks presented herein, the Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Allowance clearly indicating that each of the pending claims 1-7 are allowed

and patentable under the provisions of Title 35 of the United States Code.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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